

Hear That, Rover?

Dog license deadline in Oakland county are less than a week away.

Penalties will be imposed on dog owners who have not purchased licenses on or before deadlines.

Last purchase date is Feb. 29 for Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills, Southfield and unincorporated areas of Oakland county.

March 1 is the Birmingham date. Licenses must be purchased in Troy by March 15.

Swim Club Evaluating Final Site

At a general membership meeting Wednesday night, the 150 members of the Forest Hills swim club were expected to decide finally whether to proceed with plans for a family-type private swimming pool and clubhouse.

Before them was a city of Birmingham promise to provide sewer and water facilities, and more parking at Eton park, if the club's proposed Troy township site first is annexed to Birmingham.

CLUB PRESIDENT Leah Fleming Monday night won from the city commission the conditional extension of improvements if the 14-acre area was annexed. It is south of Lincoln, and abuts the east side of Eton park.

Fleming predicted the club would disband if it did not accept this Troy site.

The swim club would save about 1 1/2 acres of the property, Fleming said the owner will agree to annex the entire parcel if the city will extend public utilities.

Since last October, the club has investigated more than half a dozen sites, and has run into zoning problems except on this latest one.



Torch Drive Recruiters

The 1950 Torch Drive recruitment program was launched last week when leaders from church, civic and service organizations held their final meeting to kick-off the enrollment of 40,000 women for the fall fund-raising drive.

Representing the United Church Women of metropolitan Detroit was Mrs. Fraser Pomeroy (left), vice president, General Board of United Church Women, 1320 Dorchester, Birmingham. With Mrs. W. A. Hilliard of Detroit. Also at the meeting was Mrs. Leroy W. Criger, 1383 Banbury, Birmingham.

Half of Us Will Live To Greet 21st Century

Special to The Eccentric

NEW YORK—Well over half the people now residing in Birmingham can reasonably expect to be alive in the year 2,000 to celebrate the dawn of the 21st Century.

That is the statistical probability, based on the mortality tables of the national office of vital statistics and on studies showing the gains in longevity achieved since the last census.

It assumes that there will be no world war and no other unnatural holocaust in the interim.

UNDER SUCH conditions, some 14,200 of the present Birmingham population are scheduled, actually, to be here to mark the turn of the century. They represent 52.6 percent of the total population.

The estimates are most conservative because they make no provision for future scientific accomplishments that will add to the life span in the next 40 years.

The likelihood is, on the basis of past experience, that five years of life will be added to normal expectancy before year 2,000. Such is the conclusion reached in a study to be published by the social security administration.

IT CONTEMPLATES the practice of **Salaries**

(Continued from Page 1-A) any in the amount earned since it takes Birmingham teachers 12 years to reach maximum salary while instructors in other districts have only to teach 8 to 10 years to obtain the Birmingham salary.

The teachers have asked the Board of Education for relief in three ways—

- 1) A HIGHER starting salary;
- 2) Higher annual increments (raises) which will automatically bring a higher maximum; and
- 3) More money for advanced degrees and training. Members of the board have agreed in principle to these requests pending an affirmative vote of the taxpayers on the additional millage to finance them.

According to salary figures of other districts Birmingham is in much the same situation when it comes to salaries, paid maintenance and skilled maintenance is 25d in comparison to other districts in the area.

Dr. Ireland emphasized that the salary conditions had been slipping into this undemocratic Birmingham in the past several years, but that money had not been available to do anything about it. With the additional money derived from the new millage, an approximate 10% increase could be granted permission to bring them into a more equitable position with others doing the same type of work.

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Birmingham's present operating millage is 13.98 mills which is considerably lower than most of the neighboring districts. Even with the increase of 4 mills, Birmingham will be topped by 13 other metropolitan districts in the amount of operating millage levied.

BOARD OF EDUCATION members are scheduled to explain the school district's needs in speeches at the March meetings of each local PTA.

Board members have urged that all district residents attend one of the meetings, even if the voter cannot attend his own PTA meeting.

Meetings are: March 2, Greenfield elementary; March 3, Derby junior high; March 7, Quorum elementary; March 8, Tarry elementary; March 9, Harlan and Midvale elementary; March 11, Walnut Lake elementary; March 14, Adams and Franklin elementary; March 15, Bloomfield elementary; March 16, Pierce and Valley Woods elementary; March 21, Baldwin, Beverly, Penrose elementary.

March 22, Barrum junior high.

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Local Talent In Detroit Flower Show

The Michigan Horticultural society is sponsoring with the Greater Detroit Builders association the Home and Flower show which will be in the Artillery Army, Eight Mile Road and Greenfield, Feb. 27 to March.

There will be many displays of model gardens, flower arrangements by the most outstanding talent in the area. The large floral display, "Laughing Waters", will provide concepts coordinating sound, color, and water.

FOR THOSE who plan to build a new home or remodel there will be many ideas using new ideas and materials.

The Michigan Horticultural society has three local residents on its statewide board: Mrs. F. Gordon Davis, Mr. Al Goldner, and the Birmingham Eccentric's columnist, Don To Earh, Alice Wessels Burlington.

The Society is planning a field trip to New York, leaving March 7 and returning March 9 to see the New York flower show, where there will be displays from all over the world.

THOSE who go on the trip will be seeing the stage shows "The Miracle Worker", and "A Majority Of One." Their headquarters will be in the Manhattan hotel.

Anybody wishing to inquire about the trip may contact Mrs. William H. Burlington, of Oak Hill drive, Bloomfield township.

New Fire Hose

The Birmingham Fire Department has received the approval of the City Manager, L. E. Gars, for the purchase of 800 feet of fire hose at a cost of \$733.80.

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